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Honorable Jack Brooks, Chairman Committee on Government Operations House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of 17 December 1980 requesting information on Agency participation in LIFESPRING training.

This is to advise you that this Agency has not awarded any contracts for LIFESPRING training. A search of our records indicates that one employee took the basic LIFESPRING training in January 1980 on his own initiative. In March 1980 he submitted a retroactive request to his superiors for remuneration of the cost of the course, which was \$300.00. This request was approved. Since that time, no funds have been authorized for this or any other employee for LIFESPRING training. Our medical and training staffs have recognized the controversial nature of the training and will not authorize or encourage Agency personnel to participate in this training in the future.

Sincerely,

Frederick P. Hitz

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